SUBJECT No. 149.

Preservation of revenue records.

(*a*) Mr. M. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the existing rules for the sorting of records *namthabdil* lists are not shown under lists of records to be permanently preserved. Since these pertain to changes of khates, it is necessary that they should be permanently preserved. It is prayed that orders may be issued in the matter.

(*b*) As the destruction of *namthabdil* and patta transfer records after 12 years causes hardship to the public when reference has to be sought, they may be preserved for 30 years.

Reply of Government.—No change is necessary. The preservation of these records will take up too much space. The results of the proceedings are entered in the *varga vargi* register and *phoutitakhta*. Parties desirous of referring to these records should obtain authenticated copies before they are destroyed.

SUBJECT No. 150.

Facilities for kumri cultivation.

Mr. A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The facilities shown to kumri cultivators to make them inhabit the thinly populated regions in the malnad have been successful to a great extent. It has however to be pointed out that the allowance of Rs. 5 for seeds for three acres is very small considering the present high prices. The allotment under this head may be increased so as to cover the cost of the seeds. The kumries are allowed to hold the lands granted to them free of assessment for three years. As this period is insufficient to bring the lands to a good condition, it may be extended to five years. It is also prayed that the facilities now shown in this respect to kumries alone may be shown to others similarly desirous of carrying on kumri cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 151.

Supply of cheap firewood to ryots.

Mr. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The ryots may be supplied with cheap firewood in order that they may make use of cow dung as manure only.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration by the Revenue Commissioner. His proposals are awaited and will be considered in connection with the scheme of village forests.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Hot weather supply for sugar-cane and other cultivation.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Yalakkigowda and Soma Setty, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion. —Lately the supply of water in channels during the hot weather has been stopped. Water is practically allowed only for one harvest. This tends to the deterioration of lands. Water may therefore be ordered to be supplied during the hot weather for sugar-cane and other cultivation. The Ashtagram Sub-Division was noted for its sugar-cane, but it has been steadily deteriorating as water is not given regularly from the channels. According to a longstanding arrangement

after the channels were closed on the 15th of January, water was supplied to sugar-cane for eight days every month. This is not now done. Even in places which are far away from the Sivasamudram Electrical Works water is not regularly supplied. This was the case beyond the 23rd mile of the Mandagere channel.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—Water was also formerly supplied for manurial crops. It has now been stopped altogether.

Dewan.—The old rules have not been materially modified excepting in so far as it was necessary to secure a sufficient supply to the Sivasamudram Works. The time when each channel was to be closed and the manner in which water was to be supplied to sugar-cane and manurial crops were decided in a conference in 1906 and Government Order No. 1099-1109—P. W. D. 7504-14, dated 10th November 1906, was issued thereon approving of the arrangements..

The Government Order was read out.

Members.—People will be satisfied if these rules are properly enforced.

Reply of Government.—Orders will be issued that the rules should be regularly given effect to.

SUBJECT No. 153.

(*a*) Valuation of sandal trees on lands applied for for cultivation.

Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the rules in force an upset price including the estimated full value of sandal trees standing on lands is fixed at all malki auction sales. This leads to much inconvenience to the poorer classes of applicants. The promise of refund at some distant future date is a possibility so remote that people are not encouraged to take lands containing sandal trees for cultivation.

The rules in force for the preservation of sandal trees on private lands are stringent enough to secure the interests of Government in those trees. It is respectfully prayed that the rules on this subject may be modified.

(*b*) Sandal trees on hiduvali lands.

Mr. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

(*b*) The present rules requiring the payment of compensation to Government by a *hiduvalidar* for sandal trees which he wishes to remove as hindrance to saguvali may be modified and the payment excused, as the same is a source of trouble to poor cultivators.

(*c*) Deposit on account of sandal trees on lands taken up on *darkhasts*.

Messrs. Nadig Bhistappa, Yedahalli Sub-Taluk and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk

(*c*) The rule regarding the recovery of the present value of the bonus on sandal trees from persons taking up lands containing such trees for cultivation is a great hardship to the ryots in the malnad who are thereby prevented from applying for such lands. This causes loss both to the Government and the ryot. The rules may be modified so that the recovery of the bonus may not be compulsory in